

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to call for the transparent portion to be solid. The cited reference to Greene clearly teaches an open layer that includes the portions 57. This is because in Figure 13, on either edge, it is clearly seen that there is an indent so that the portions 57 do not have solid material between them. Instead, they are simply a grid with open regions in between. Claim 1 calls for the transparent regions to be solid.

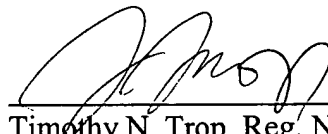
Therefore, claim 1 patentably distinguishes over the reference.

Claim 16 calls for a method comprising abutting first and second display panels at an interface and providing a layer in said first and second tiles to obscure said interface. The claim is objected to as being not supported by the specification. However, for example, in Figure 3, the layer 16 is integrally bonded to the layers 10 and 12. See the specification at page 7, lines 11-14. Thus, as claimed, the layer is provided in the first and second tiles to obscure the interface.

For the reasons set forth above, the grid or open network 57 is not part of the tiles 54. Therefore, claim 16 patentably distinguishes over the art of record.

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